

June 15, 2015

North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



Re: NDPSC Public Hearing/Formal Hearing at Killdeer, ND at the High Plains Cultural Center on 6-15-15.
Case No. PU-14-842

Dear North Dakota Public Service Commission:

I Lisa DeVille (BS Environmental Science) and environmentally concerned citizens of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation oppose/object to the Dakota Access Pipeline Project. We have witnessed many pipelines malfunction in North Dakota causing toxic environmental impact.

The Dakota Access Pipeline will cross our land/soil east of Mandaree, jeopardizing the land/soil and our primary source of public drinking water for Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in western North Dakota. Although this pipeline is a half mile or two miles away from Missouri River that flows into Lake Sakakawea we are at risk of leakage and seepage. Our drinking water for our small rural tribal community, Mandaree, has already been contaminated by nearby, major toxic pipeline spill of at least one million gallons - if not more. Our land/soil is contaminated daily from spills with a 220,000 gallon brine spill in May 2015 east of Mandaree.

Another 3-million gallon toxic oil & gas toxic spill, also upstream from the Mandaree water intake system on the Missouri River flows into Lake Sakakawea, has happened. The Missouri River that flows into Lake Sakakawea bisects the one-million acres within our Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. Any Dakota Access Pipeline contamination of the River will also have dire impacts on our shore lands and wildlife. Many tribal members depend on hunting wild game and fish. Consequently, we have valid concerns about the safety of the Missouri River flows in to Lake Sakakawea and our land/soil. All Pipelines have a limited life span: they eventually deteriorate and become a threat to the surrounding environment.

As the Kalamazoo pipeline spill shows, the contamination will settle to the bottom of the riverbed or on land/soil and can never fully be removed. Individual Fort Berthold tribal members previously filed comments to the US State Department identifying concerns about the potential adverse impacts to the Missouri River, Lake Sakakawea, grasslands, land/soil and Fort Berthold Indian Reservation of constructed pipelines. Please listen to their words and ours.

We know "Big Oil" and its supportive political leadership — both Democrats and Republicans — will continue to chip away at sovereign nations' rights and the environmental laws already in place. We are counting on you to help stop them.

Many concerned citizens have exposed all the reasons that pipelines are not in the interest of our people, the nation, and the world. It is up to you to use your influence to Reject Dakota Access Pipeline and support clean, renewable, and sustainable solutions for our future ahead.

Please listen to us the environmentally concerned citizens of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation opposing/objecting to the Dakota Access Pipeline Project. Thank you.

Sincerely, 

Lisa DeVille (BS Environmental Science), Mandaree, ND

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“We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children” Ancient Indian Proverb